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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING AT COPENHAGEN -
OTHER ISSUES.

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1. REGIONAL WORKING GROUPS. BESIDES U.S./EUROPEAN
RELATIONS (COVERED SEPT 10-11), SEPT 10-11 QUARTERLY EC
FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING ALSO INVOLVED EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS ON PAPER FROM MIDDLE EAST WORKING GROUP;

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MINISTERS REQUESTED THAT EC-9 UN DELS SHOULD WORK
CLOSELY TOGETHER ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ASIA WORKING GROUP WAS ALSO INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE ITS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, INCLUDING ON SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE, AND EC MISSIONS IN PEKING WERE REQUESTED TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THAT TOPIC. THE MEDITERRANEAN WORKING GROUP, WHICH HAS BEEN DORMANT VIRTUALLY FROM ITS ESTABLISHMENT ABOUT A YEAR AGO, "CONTINUES TO SLEEP" IN THE WORDS OF A FONOFF SOURCE. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT, IN THE PERSON OF DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN, IS EXPECTED SOON TO CALL, PURSUANT TO DAVIGNON-II REPORT, FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND FIRST MEETING OF AFRICAN WORKING GROUP. THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE PLAN TO CONVENE INITIAL MEETING OF FONOFF PLANNING STAFF REPS.

2. CSCE. AS REPORTED BY EMBASSY COPENHAGEN (REFTELS), MINISTERS AGREED THAT EC COMMISSION--NOT NECESSARILY JUST ONE OFFICIAL--WOULD PARTICIPATE IN CSCE COMMITTEE PHASE AS A MEMBER OF DELEGATION OF EC COUNTRY HOLDING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL (DENMARK UNTIL DEC 31 AND THEN THE FRG). EC COMMISSION REPS WOULD APPARENTLY APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM (INITIALLY) OF THE DANISH DELEGATION LIST, SEPARATED SLIGHTLY FROM OTHER DANISH REPS, AND IDENTIFIED BY THEIR EC COMMISSION POSITIONS. COMMISSION REPS WOULD BE PERMITTED TO SPEAK IN THE NAME OF THE NINE, AS COULD THE DANISH REP IN HIS CAPACITY AS EC COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, CONCERNING ISSUES ON WHICH THE COMMUNITY WAS COMPETENT UNDER THE TREATY OF ROME. BUT THE HEAD OF THE DANISH DEL WOULD HAVE THE FINAL DECISION AS TO WHEN A STATEMENT COULD BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY, AS OPPOSED TO SIMPLY MAKING OBSERVATIONS, AND THE COMMISSION WOULD BE EXPECTED TO COORDINATE SUCH STATEMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE AD HOC GROUP IN GENEVA.

3. EC/COMECON RELATIONS. FONOFF REP CONFIRMED THAT THIS TOPIC WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT SEPT 20 EC COUNCIL MEETING. HE SAID POLITICAL COMMITTEE WOULD FORWARD TO THE COUNCIL A PAPER IT HAD PREPARED LAST YEAR
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ON THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF EC/COMECON RELATIONS. THIS PAPER APPARENTLY EMPHASIZES THE DIFFERENT STRUCTURAL FEATURES OF EC/COMECON, WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THE TWO BODIES TO ENGAGE IN RELATIONS.
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